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1. NEW ZEALAND PERM REP TEMPLETON HAS CONVEYED TO AMB. BENNETT WELLINGTON'S PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA. THESE REACTIONS ARE QUITE PARALLEL TO TOKYO'S AND TEMPLETON SAID THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION WITH THE JAPANESE IN TOKYO. POSSIBLE ROLE FOR SWEDEN AS PROPOSED BY JAPANESE WAS NOT MENTIONED BY TEMPLETON, AND THIS DID NOT COME INTO CONVERSATION.

2. TEMPLETON SAID NEW ZEALAND WANTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND SEEK CONSENSUS ON KOREA. WELLINGTON HAS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SOVIETS AND CHINESE. TEMPLETON ALSO REPORTED VIEW THAT INCLUSION OF JANUARY 1ST TARGET DATE FOR TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND SOMEWHAT UNREALISTIC GIVEN PROBABILITY THAT UNGA DEBATE MAY LAST INTO LATE FALL.

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3. IN REPLY, BENNETT DESCRIBED RESPONSES RECEIVED TO DATE (REFTEL). THEN, DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT'S CONVERSATION JUNE 23 WITH JAPANESE AMB. YASUAWA (RETELS B AND C), HE UNDERLINED THAT ON BASIS OF U.S. DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE AND SOVIETS, AS WELL AS ON BASIS OF OTHER INDICATIONS, THERE SEEMS NO PROSPECT FOR A COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON THE PART OF THE NORTH KOREANS. IT BEHOVES US THEREFORE TO ORGANIZE OUR CAMPAIGN CAREFULLY AND WITHOUT DELAY. FURTHERMORE, OUR LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON KOREA MAKES CLEAR THE READINESS OF THE ROK AND THE US TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF TERMINATION OF THE UNC, TOGETHER WITH A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE

ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AS WELL AS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SC SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE. BENNETT FINALLY SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF A JANUARY 1,

1976, TARGET DATE, SAYING IT INTENDED AS A SIGN OF SERIOUS GOOD FAITH JUST AS IS US READINESS IN THE MEANTIME TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE UN COMMAND. WE WOULD HOPE TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION SO AS TO ENSURE INsofar AS POSSIBLE INSCRIPTION PRIORITY ON ITEM.

4. AMB. TEMPLETON SAID HE WOULD REPORT AMB. BENNETT'S OBSERVATIONS TO WELLINGTON SOONEST. HE CONTINUED TO ARGUE NEE FOR FURTHER US EFFORTS WITH PEKING AND MOSCOW TO WORK OUT CONSENSUS, URGING THAT IN THIS WAY WE WOULD PROVE OUR "GOOD FAITH" AND PERSUADE DOUBTERS THAT US WAS NOT IN FACT SEEKING CONFRONTATION ON ISSUE. COMMENT: TEMPLETON CLEARLY DOUBTS OUR ABILITY TO WIN ON THE ISSUE IF CONFRONTATION DEVELOPS AND SAID SO IN SO MANY WORDS. HIS REPORTING TO WELLINGTON HAS PRESUMABLY REFLECTED THIS VIEW.

5. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY WELLINGTON TO RE-EMPHASIZE POINTS IN RETELS B AND C TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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